

Altoona Symphony Orchestra Lessons Program 2026-27

The ASO Lessons Program offers children in grades 4-12 the opportunity to begin music lessons with a certified instructor and professional symphony musician. The child can choose an orchestral instrument for which we have an available instructor, and, if selected, the ASO Educational Fund will allow students to take **lessons from September 2026 through May 2027, not to exceed 30 lessons.**

This program is generously sponsored by the Wolf-Kuhn Foundation, the T. Dean Lower & Jane Young Lower Trust, the Harold & Betty Cottle Family Foundation, and the John J. Gallace Memorial Foundation. Any previous participant in the program is ineligible and should not apply.

APPLICATIONS ARE DUE TO THE ASO OFFICE BY AUGUST 1, 2026 BY MAIL (1212 12TH AVE. ALTOONA, PA) OR SCAN AND EMAIL TO THE ASO OFFICE (ASO.ASSISTANT1@GMAIL.COM)

Student Information

Name:	Grade:	Age:
Parent or Guardian's Name:		
Street Address:		
City:	State:	Zip:
Name of Student's School:		
Name of a Band, Orchestra, or General Music Teacher at Student's School: <i>If you are not sure, just write "unknown."</i>		
Phone Number:		
E-mail Address:		

Instrument Choice

(please rank your preference with 1 being the most desired!)

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Please indicate which night of the week you prefer to take these lessons with an 'X':

<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday

**Note that selecting a day does not guarantee your lessons will take place on that day, as a schedule must be coordinated to fit both the student and instructor.*

Student Responsibilities

- ❖ **Materials:** Students are responsible for the purchase/rental of their own books, instruments, and other materials needed for the lessons they are receiving. Our teachers will assist in referring our students to where they can obtain these items, however, they are not responsible for providing them personally.
- ❖ **Practicing:** All students involved in the program are expected to practice and be prepared for each weekly lesson. Each teacher will advise how much practice is ideal for each student and will encourage students in their practicing. Teachers will also provide tips and tricks for effective practicing.
- ❖ **Attendance:** Students are responsible for their time slot with the ASO Lessons Program. If a student is not available for his or her weekly lesson for any reason, it is not the responsibility of the teacher to make up the missed lesson. In addition to this, students are asked to contact their teacher at least 24 hours in advance if the student will be unavailable for his or her lesson. Consistent participation is required of all students participating in this program. The ASO and the lesson teacher may excuse the student from the program at any time if a concern arises.
 - Missing more than 2 (two) music lessons in a row without a proper excuse will void the contract and the ASO will request a reimbursement of 1/2 (one half) of their expenditures to date. Also, missing more than 4 (four) non-consecutive lessons without a proper excuse will also void the contract and **the ASO will request a reimbursement of 1/2 (one half) of their expenditures to date.**
- ❖ **Student Contracts:** Students or parents of students involved in the ASO Lessons Program are to sign and submit a student contract (this document) prior to the first lesson. This student contract ensures that both the students and parents understand the business arrangements of how these lessons will work.
- ❖ **Lesson Contract:** Students must be willing to commit to the program for all 9 (nine) months. **If your child wishes to discontinue, you will be asked to reimburse the Altoona Symphony Orchestra 1/2 (one half) of the investment.**
- ❖ **Payment:** 100% of lesson fees will be covered under this program. The ASO will be responsible for paying lesson fees directly to the instructor.

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Student Signature _____

Parent Signature _____

Date _____

